

**Introduced by Senator Gaines
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 72—Relative to Teacher Appreciation Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 72, as introduced, Gaines. Teacher Appreciation Month.

This measure would designate the month of May 2015 as Teacher Appreciation Month, recognize teachers for the significant role they play, and encourage pupils, parents, and public officials to publicly recognize the hard work and dedication of teachers, and to observe the month by supporting teachers through appropriate activities, events, and programs.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Talented and hardworking teachers throughout
- 2 California's public, private, and charter schools are nurturing the
- 3 next generation of thinkers, doers, and dreamers; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Teachers teach the skills that will inspire the next
- 5 century of professionals, entrepreneurs, innovators, and workers
- 6 in critically needed technical careers and professions; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Teachers also build character, compassion,
- 8 creativity, and resilience among our state's children that will
- 9 prepare them to take on the challenges of the future; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Our best teachers are role models who show our
- 11 kids how to work hard and pursue a brighter future, and who further
- 12 encourage children's passions, inspire their imaginations, and help
- 13 them realize the best versions of themselves; and

1 WHEREAS, Teaching is an all-encompassing commitment, and
2 teachers make enormous sacrifices to support their pupils; and
3 WHEREAS, The recent California court decision, Vergara v.
4 California, stated that competent teachers are a critical, if not the
5 most important, component of success of a child’s in-school
6 educational experience; and
7 WHEREAS, We can improve our country’s educational system
8 significantly by exhibiting respect for teachers, and by letting them
9 know how much we value their contributions in helping schools
10 meet the needs of pupils from all communities in our state; now,
11 therefore, be it
12 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
14 May 2015 as Teacher Appreciation Month; and, be it further
15 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes teachers for the
16 significant role they play in our lives and in the well-being of our
17 state; and, be it further
18 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages pupils, parents, and
19 public officials to publicly recognize the hard work and dedication
20 of teachers, and to observe the month by supporting teachers
21 through appropriate activities, events, and programs; and, be it
22 further
23 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
24 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.